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C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 1771

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SUBJECT: NATO AEW DANISH POSITION

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1. ON MARCH 28 DANISH DEFENSE COUNSELLOR BELLING TOLD
DEPUTY DEFENSE ADVISOR THAT DENMARK HAS AN "UNCHANGED"
POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD NATO AEW. HE EXPLAINED THAT,
SINCE MOD MOLLER HAD JUST SUCCESSFULLY STEERED THE FOUR-
YEAR DEFENSE AGREEMENT THROUGH PARLIAMENT, HIS REPRESENTA-
TIVE AT THE MARCH 25 DPC MINISTERIAL, AMBASSADOR SVART,
COULD ONLY SAY THAT MOLLER WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER
AND DISCUSS NATO AEW FURTHER IN COPENHAGEN BEFORE SUB-
MITTING IT TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND PARLIMAMENT. IT
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WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY COMPLICATED INDEED FOR MOLLER TO
HAVE INTRODUCED NATO AEW IN PARLIAMENT DURING NEGOTIA-
TIONS ON THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT.

2. BELLING WENT ON TO SAY THAT HIS AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZE
THE MILITARY UTILITY AND NEED FOR AEW. THEIR HESITATION
IS ONLY OF A PROCEDURAL NATURE, AND HE BELIEVED THAT THE
TIMING PROPOSED IN THE COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL) COULD BE
ADHERED TO BY HIS GOVERNMENT, PROVIDED OF COURSE THAT
THE CONDITIONS SVART SPELLED OUT ARE MET. COMMENT.

THE CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:(A) THAT DENMARK'S SHARE
WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN PROPOSED; (B) THAT
INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED TO UPGRADE DENMARK'S
GROUND BASED LOW-LEVEL RADAR COVERAGE; AND (C) THAT A
CEILING WOULD BE PLACED ON OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
COSTS.

3. WE BELIEVE BELLING ACTED ON AN INSTRUCTED BASIS.
THIS APPARENT DANISH CONCERN THAT WE PROPERLY INTERPRET
SVART'S POSITION IS AN INDICATION THT DENMARK IS TRULY
INTERESTED IN NATO AEW IN SPITE OF THE DPC/MEETING'S
LESS THAN SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. END COMMENT
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